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UM NEWS



September 28, 2012

MISSOULA –

After graduating a record number of students in the last academic year, The University of Montana has experienced an enrollment drop for autumn semester 2012.

According to the UM Registrar's Office, the autumn total headcount enrollment is 14,943, which is 726 fewer than the record enrollment logged one year ago.

At the same time, UM has enrolled an incoming class that is academically stronger and better prepared than in previous years.

"Last year, we experienced record enrollment and then a record graduating class, which means we are living our mission to educate Montana's students," said UM President Royce Engstrom. "We are committed to helping students succeed their freshmen year, stay here and then graduate."

The number of students on the central mountain campus is 12,476, a decline of 390 students. Student headcount at Missoula College, the former College of Technology that has been part of UM since 1994, is 2,467, down 336 students.

Though these enrollment figures are not final, UM officials don't anticipate major changes.

In addition to enrollment numbers, the University tracks the preparation level of incoming freshmen. This year's freshman class has a higher percentage of students who have taken UM's recommended full-college preparatory curriculum. The Office of Student Success reports that more than half of the freshman class – 52 percent – meet the recommendations, up from 44 percent in 2011.

Placement tests this year also show that more UM freshmen are prepared for college-level writing and college-level math classes. A total of 82 percent are college-math ready (compared with 75 percent in 2011), and 94 percent are ready for college writing courses (up from 90 percent).

"We're pleased that so many students this year are better prepared than ever for the college experience," Engstrom said. "It means that we can focus our time with our students on sharing the knowledge and skills they need to get jobs and succeed professionally upon graduation."

UM graduated a record total of 3,190 students in the previous year, including a record number of undergraduate degrees at 2,477.

This fall, UM saw a drop in full-time equivalent student numbers on the central mountain campus and an increase on the two-year campus, the Registrar's Office reported. (An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate semester credits.) The unofficial overall student FTE for fall is 12,497, a drop of 633 from 13,130 FTEs a year ago.

For the mountain campus, FTEs are 10,716, down from 11,443 in 2011. Among Missoula College students, FTEs are 1,780, which is an increase of 94.

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UM NEWS



September 27, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Associated Students of The University of Montana invites all members of the campus community and public to attend the first-ever ASUM-Missoula City Council joint meeting.

The meeting, organized by UM students, will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1, in the Missoula City Council chambers.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for students to put their best foot forward and take a tangible step toward improving relations with the larger community," ASUM Vice President Bryn Hagfors said.

The issues of off-campus student housing and community/university relations are the two main agenda items for the meeting. Of particular focus will be UM's Master Plan Committee for Student Housing and ASUM's Neighborhood Ambassador Program.

"We are excited for the opportunity to foster a healthy, productive and mutually beneficial relationship with the City Council," ASUM President Zach Brown said.

Public comment is welcome at the beginning of the meeting.

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September 27, 2012

MISSOULA –

The National Native Children's Trauma Center based at The University of Montana has received a \$2.4 million grant to continue work with Native American youth who experience symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

The grant is a competitive refunding of the center from the Substance Abuse and Mental Services Health Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Though the center is based in the UM College of Education's Institute for Educational Research and Service, it provides trainings nationwide on mental health services that are particularly effective in rural settings and schools. The new award will expand these trainings to include Indian Health Services clinicians, tribal health departments, child welfare agencies and reservation schools.

IERS Director Rick van den Pol said the grant will provide training for professionals who serve Native youth through the center's outreach programs and through partnerships with tribes.

"We know that wherever there's poverty, there are elevated levels of PTSD symptoms," van den Pol said. "But unfortunately in Indian Country there's a real disparity in availability of services. Health care is not well supported, and mental health care is very limited."

Youth experience trauma through direct abuse but also through the effects of high rates of suicide, substance abuse, loss of loved ones and historical trauma experienced by tribal members. Childhood symptoms of PTSD include preoccupation (experiencing the trauma over and over), numbing (trying to avoid and ignore the stress) and hyperarousal (always being on edge and ready for fight-or-flight).

Van den Pol said IERS analyzes program evaluation data related to the participating children's well-being before and after therapy and most show reduced PTSD symptoms. Students with depression also exhibited reduced symptoms.

Marilyn Bruiguiet Zimmerman is an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes and is the director of the trauma center. She believes the grant also provides a unique opportunity to directly support workers who serve children.

"Counselors, child welfare workers, teachers and health care staff can also experience PTSD-like symptoms from constantly hearing the trauma histories of children," Zimmerman said. "We want to help workers themselves recognize and respond to compassion fatigue that often results from working in such high-stress environments."

Van den Pol was informed of the grant approval by U.S. Senator Jon Tester, who had written a letter of support to SAMSHA for the Native trauma center's refunding bid.

"Supporting Native American children by getting them the resources they need to treat mental health and end the cycle of abuse will strengthen Indian Country and the rest of Montana for generations to come," Tester said. "I stand with The University of Montana and all Montanans in the fight against addiction, abuse and depression."

The center received its first funding in 2003. Based on the success of that project, it received a \$2.4 million SAMSHA grant in 2007 to establish the national center. Since that time it has provided services to 3,000 children and 12,500 providers at 46 locations around the country. Services primarily are provided on reservations but also are available in urban areas with large Native populations. The center is one of 15 Category II trauma centers in the U.S. and the only one focused on Indian Country.

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September 27, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana geography faculty member Rick Graetz and his wife, Susie, will present a narration and slideshow of their scenic photography of Montana's mountains and prairie in a lecture titled "This is Montana" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at the Hamilton High School Performing Arts Center. The presentation of stories and images is a benefit for Bitterroot College of UM science instruction.

Rick Graetz is co-director of UM's Crown of the Continent Initiative and founder of Montana Magazine. He and Susie are renowned for their geographic and historic articles and photography, and in 2003 published "This is Montana," a collection of 151 essays and 124 photographs. They also have written 18 other books on Montana and penned the syndicated newspaper column of the same name.

"What makes Montana so special?" Susie Graetz asked. "It is an atmosphere, a mystique, deeply rooted in our ancestor's stubbornness to tame this wild place."

Tickets for the event cost \$5 for general public and \$3 for seniors and students. They can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling Bitterroot College at 406-375-0100. Copies of "This is Montana" also will be available for \$25 at the event, with half of the proceeds benefitting BC.

For more information call Victoria Clark, director of BC, at 406-375-0100 or email victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Former U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold will deliver a lecture titled “While America Sleeps: A Wake-up Call for the Post-9/11 Era” as part of The University of Montana President’s Lecture Series at 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 8, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Feingold, who served for 18 years as a Democratic senator from Wisconsin, often went against the grain during his time in Washington, D.C. He was the lone senator to vote against the Patriot Act in 2001. After voting against the Iraq War, in 2005 he became the first senator to call for the U.S. to withdraw from that country. In 2006 he moved to censure President George W. Bush for authorizing an illegal program to spy on American citizens on American soil and then misleading Congress and the public about the program’s existence. In the lecture, Feingold will show how oversimplification and disinformation about terrorism, Islam and U.S. policies have undermined the country’s capacity for right and effective action in the world.

Feingold also will present a seminar titled “Campaign Finance in the Post-Citizens United Era” from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. earlier the same day in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Following the Citizens United decision to open the door for corporations to spend freely in elections, Feingold denounced the Supreme Court as an arm of corporate America, saying, “This is one of the great turning points, not only in campaign finance, but also in our country’s history... I believe we’re in a constitutional crisis.”

Feingold’s lecture is the annual Stan Kimmitt Lecture on Public Service and the seminar is presented in collaboration with the UM Philosophy Forum. The seminar and lecture are free and open to the public.

The President’s Lecture Series consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. For more information on the President’s Lecture Series, visit <http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/> or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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September 27, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has received a \$297,731 grant from the Department of Justice to improve evaluation and implementation of a comprehensive student assault response and prevention program.

The Office of Violence Against Women grant will be used to expand, reorganize and streamline UM's approach to addressing interpersonal violence. The grant will fund a full-time director of student assault programming position for three years and provide support for a variety of UM programs and services, including UM's Men of Strength Club, Women's and Gender Studies, the School of Social Work, the Department of Counselor Education, a student assault prevention lecture series, and training for UM's administrative personnel, Campus Security and the Missoula Police Department.

The grant proposal was developed with input from UM faculty, staff, students and strong support from the administration as well as professionals in the Missoula community.

"President Royce Engstrom has been firm that sexual assault and violence will not be tolerated on our campus," said Peggy Kuhr, UM interim vice president for integrated communications "The University has put in place required programs and training to bring awareness to this topic. We're pleased that this grant is yet another indication of our focus on effective solutions for our students, faculty and staff."

The principal investigator for the grant is John Sommers-Flanagan of UM's Department of Counselor Education. The co-principal investigator is Kim Brown Campbell, also of the Department of Counselor Education. The grant includes resources to support continued development of online educational programming under the direction of Danielle Wozniak in UM's School of Social Work.

"I am honored to be the principal investigator of this grant because it will provide the University with additional resources to help keep our campus safer," said Sommers-Flanagan. "This means we can all focus more effectively on our primary mission: pursuing academic excellence and providing students outstanding educational experiences."

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MISSOULA –

If you are a Montana high school teacher or student with interests in environmental issues or international affairs, you could be among 20 students and two teachers supported by the U.S. Department of State for an all-expenses-paid trip to Cambodia.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana has been awarded a \$175,000 grant by the U.S. Department of State to implement the American Youth Leadership Program in Cambodia, which focuses on environmental issues and climate change.

The grant pays all expenses for two teachers with experience in environmental studies or international affairs to travel on the program. The funding also covers travel for 20 high school students ages 15 to 17 who are looking to experience another culture and learn about the environmental issues facing both Cambodia and Montana. Upon returning home, students will put their new knowledge and skills into action by spearheading a service project in their communities.

"This is a highly competitive program that was pursued by organizations across the U.S.," said Deena Mansour, Mansfield Center associate director. "That the Department of State is providing this rare opportunity exclusively for Montana reflects the quality of our educators and the students coming out of Montana."

In Cambodia, the group will study cultural and environmental issues in the capital city of Phnom Penh and its nearby beaches, the forests of the Cardamom Mountains, the villages of Battambang, and the floating villages and ancient temple complex at Siem Reap. They will compare and contrast the many environmental issues affecting both Montana and Cambodia in areas such as water, forestry and ecotourism.

"The program is a true people-to-people exchange," Mansour said. "Far from being isolated on a tour bus, the Montana group will be immersed in Cambodian society and learn together with Cambodian students and educators. They'll live in Cambodian neighborhoods, eat Cambodian foods and truly share the lives of Cambodian students and their families."

Known to Americans for its ancient heritage as well as its involvement in the U.S. war with Vietnam, Cambodia is one of the fastest-growing tourism destinations in the world. In addition to environmental issues, the group will learn about Cambodian culture, society, and history. A highlight of the program will be a visit to the World Heritage site of the Angkor Archaeological Park, which contains the majestic remains of the capitals of the Khmer Empire, which dated from the ninth through 15th centuries.

Applications for teachers are due Oct. 22. Teachers will be selected first and then will help select the students, whose applications are due Nov. 19.

"This is an experience of a lifetime, and we are excited to be able to offer this program to Montana educators and students," project manager Kelsey Stamm said. "We hope that teachers and students across the state will take advantage of this opportunity to apply."

The State Department's American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) is designed to advance mutual understanding between the people of the United States and of other countries, prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens, spark an interest in learning about foreign cultures, and develop a cadre of Americans with cultural understanding who are able to advance international dialogue and compete effectively in the global economy. The Cambodia program is one of seven AYLP programs.

The Mansfield Center promotes better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia, and ethics and public affairs in the spirit of longtime U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield, and his wife, Maureen.

"This program complements the suite of activities offered by the Mansfield Center to communities across our state," Mansour said. "We're pleased that the State Department has supported us in our efforts to offer exchange opportunities to professionals, to University students and now to high school students."

More information and applications can be found on the Mansfield Center's website at <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield> or by calling Stamm at 406-243-2838.

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UM NEWS



September 25, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana President Royce Engstrom and UM officials invite the community to learn about the future of the proposed Missoula College building and take part in a community conversation from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the UM Golf Course Clubhouse.

The open house will give community members the opportunity to ask questions and learn the history of how the location was selected, see where the buildings will be located and how it fits into the South Campus Master Plan, and learn how the golf course can be reconfigured.

“This proposed building will be an exceptional asset for Missoula College students,” said Engstrom. “We want the community to be engaged in and supportive of this effort.”

The University and the Montana Board of Regents have made funding a new Missoula College building a top priority for the 2013 Legislature. If approved, the state-of-the-art, \$47 million facility would be the first building of UM’s South Campus, located along Arthur and South avenues only a few blocks from the University’s central mountain campus. Construction would begin in March 2014 and finish in July 2016.

MC enrollment has grown rapidly in recent years. The original Administration Building was built in 1968 to accommodate 400 students, and another building added in 1978 allowed an enrollment of 700. The college now serves about 2,500 students.

Approximately 30 disciplines and programs would move to the new 120,000-square-foot building, which would provide more space for classrooms, instructional laboratories, conference rooms, counseling rooms, a library, common areas and faculty offices.

UM’s South Campus plan was created from 18 months of research, 32 public meetings, hundreds of public comments and environmental and cultural assessments.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: A media event will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the UM Golf Course Clubhouse. President Engstrom will be available for interviews.

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September 25, 2012

MISSOULA –

Historian and University of Montana Research Faculty Associate Steven Levine will speak about the just-published biography of Mao Zedong “Mao: The Real Story” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall on campus.

Levine collaborated on the biography with lead author Alexander Pantsov, who drew from previously top-secret documents in the archives of the Chinese Communist Party, the Soviet Communist Party and the Communist International to present a complex, human portrait of Mao and his rise to power of the Chinese Communist Party in the mid-20th century. Mao's personal files, political reports, private correspondence and more provide a multifaceted look at the controversial figure.

“Our task as historians,” Levine and Pantsov wrote, “was neither to blame nor praise Mao but rather to portray in all essential details one of the most powerful and influential leaders of the 20th century.”

Levine has published extensively in the fields of modern Chinese politics and American-East Asian relations. His lecture is sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM, which works to promote an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics. Copies of “Mao: The Real Story” will be available for purchase at the lecture.

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September 25, 2012

MISSOULA —

The University Center at The University of Montana will host “Finding the Doorbell,” a lecture about saner, healthier sex in college by speaker Cindy Pierce at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in the UC Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

Pierce uses anecdotes and her social research to demystify sex, drunken hook-up culture and relationships with unfiltered honesty. A question-and-answer session with a legal panel will follow Pierce’s presentation. The session is sponsored by Associated Students of UM legal services to give students an opportunity to learn about their rights.

Pierce approaches the intimidating world of sex in her lecture with a healthy dose of honesty and humor to defuse the most sensitive topics surrounding sexual health. She was honored as one of 14 Remarkable Women of the Arts in New Hampshire Magazine. She helps students put sex in a healthy context, while encouraging them to look closer at the role of alcohol in decision-making and how excessive consumption actually undermines social and sexual comfort. Pierce creates a safe environment for students to ask frank questions without feeling judged.

“Finding the Doorbell” is a collaboration among the Student Involvement Network, ASUM, the Student Assault Resource Center and the Missoula Intervention in Action project.

For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/uc> or call Sean Jeffrey, SIN assistant student director, at 406-243-6189 or email sean.jeffrey12@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



September 24, 2012

MISSOULA –

Maile Meloy, Helena native and author of The University of Montana First-Year Reading Experience book “Both Ways is the Only Way I Want It,” will visit campus to present a lecture and host a student forum Oct. 17-18.

The lecture, titled “Both Ways Is the Only Way I Want It,” will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre. Meloy will discuss how she came to write the book, her writing process and the role Montana has played in her writing. The student forum will be held at 11:10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 18, in the University Center Theater.

“I’m thrilled to have ‘Both Ways Is the Only Way I Want It’ read across campus, especially in my home state,” Meloy said. “I was in Montana two weeks ago and met an incoming freshman who had read the book – and his father had, too – and it seems like a great way to start a college career, to have something in common to talk about. I’m really happy and honored to be a part of that.”

“Both Ways Is the Only Way I Want It” is a collection of 11 short stories, mostly set in Montana and the American West. It was named one of the “Ten Best Books of 2009” by The New York Times Book Review, was one of the Los Angeles Times “Favorite Fiction Books of the Year” and was listed on Amazon.com’s “Top Ten Story Collections of 2009.”

UM’s First-Year Reading Experience provides new students a common connection through a thought-provoking book. Students are strongly encouraged to read the book and many faculty members include selections from the book in their freshman classes.

For more information on the First-Year Reading Experience, visit <http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/FYReading>. For more information on Meloy’s lecture and student forum, call Arlene Walker-Andrews, associate provost for global century education at UM, at 406-243-4689 or email arlene.walker-andrews@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS

September 24, 2012

MISSOULA –

Seattle-based jazz group Pearl Django will bring their eclectic, hot-club style sound to The University of Montana in a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Pearl Django was voted Seattle's best jazz band in 2003 and the group is known for its unique shows. Missoula art-folk band Stellarondo will open the show.

Tickets cost \$15 in advance, \$17 the day of the show, \$10 for seniors and students and children 14 and younger get in free. They are available at all GrizTix locations, online at <http://www.griztix.com> or by calling 406-243-4051.

For more information call Dennison Theatre Director Tom Webster at 406-243-2853 or email thomas.webster@umontana.edu. More information on the bands is available at <http://www.pearldjango.com> and <http://www.stellarondo.com>.

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September 24, 2012

MISSOULA –

Distinguished alumnus of the College of Forestry and Conservation at The University of Montana Charles E. “Mike” Hardy left bequests to three local forestry groups after he passed away this June.

His gifts will fund a fire-management lecture series at UM, support the National Museum of Forest Service History archives and collections and help fund a forestry interpretive center at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula.

Hardy graduated from UM with a degree in forestry in 1939. He went on to obtain a graduate degree in silviculture from the University of Michigan and had a long career in the U.S. Forest Service as a forester and a fire researcher.

During his 20-year career at the Forest Service’s Fire Sciences Laboratory, Hardy helped develop a national fire-danger rating system, developed the first belt-weather kit carried by firefighters and created the handbook for fire weather observations. Hardy also led several significant prescribed-fire studies and directed a national project to develop and evaluate wildland fire-retardant chemicals.

The Society of American Foresters acknowledged his career accomplishments as a researcher by awarding him their highest status of fellow and he received the honor of being named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1990 by UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation.

For more information, call Leana Schelvan, director of communications for UM College of Forestry and Conservation at 406-2436693 or email leana.schelvan@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



September 24, 2012

MISSOULA –

Jordan Sullivan, a University of Montana junior studying marketing, attended a five-day conference titled “Interactive Marketing Immersion Xperience” Aug. 6-10 in New York City.

Sullivan was one of 30 undergraduate and graduate students from across the country chosen to participate in the conference. The students attended lectures by various CEOs of large marketing companies and conducted case studies with Harvard Business School Professor John Deighton. They also participated in a resume-building workshop and presented a group project at the end of the week.

Sullivan, a Lady Griz basketball player from Sidney, said she learned a lot at I-MIX.

“It was cool for me because it fit into a crazy, hectic sports schedule,” she said.

Sullivan learned of the opportunity through Jakki Mohr, Regents Professor of Marketing in UM’s School of Business Administration, and was encouraged by Mohr to apply.

“It was very beneficial to see what the students from bigger cities were like and kind of get a feel for our job-industry competition,” Sullivan said. “It was beyond worth it.”

The Direct Marketing Educational Foundation, a national foundation that aims to help college students and professors become involved and familiar with the business of direct and interactive marketing, hosted the program.

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UM NEWS



September 24, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will present a printmaking exhibition titled "MATRIX Press: Master Prints and Print Assistants" Oct. 2-Nov. 1 at the Gallery of Visual Arts.

An opening reception is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. The exhibition and opening reception are free and open to the public. The gallery is located on the first floor of the Social Science Building.

MATRIX Press, founded in 1998 by UM art Professor James Bailey, is a vital component of the printmaking division within the University's School of Art. MATRIX Press works with nationally and internationally known artists to produce limited-edition prints in collaboration with students and printmaking faculty members.

The exhibition includes 39 prints created through MATRIX Press by 11 different artists over the course of the past 14 years. The prints represent a broad range of artistic and technical approaches.

Several artists represented in this exhibition engage in the activist tradition of printmaking. They include Richard Mock, best known for his cutting political prints that appeared in the New York Times Op-Ed section from 1980 to 1996; Miriam Schapiro, who was one of the pioneering artists in the feminist art movement; and Tom Huck, known for his intricately cut woodcuts inspired by the likes of Albrecht Durer.

In addition, colorful abstractions by Arizona artist and UM alumni John Armstrong show a softer approach to the medium with his whimsical forms, which often reference the landscape. Bev Beck Glueckert, also an alumna, incorporates a variety of alternative forms of printmaking to create images that reference the natural world.

Chicago based artist Tony Fitzpatrick uses '50s-style tattoo art in his color etchings, while Canadian artist Peter Von Tiesenhausen's boat forms float mysteriously on metallic fields. UM Professor Emeritus James Todd is represented by his "Seven Deadly Sins" series of woodcuts that reflect contemporary society.

The exhibition also features the diverse work of alumni Jason Clark, William Gregory, Tyler Krasowski, Ryan Lindburg, Keith Miller and Kaya Wielopolski. These former students were all print assistants to the master printmakers and are now accomplished artists in their own rite.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday; and by appointment only on Monday.

For more information call Cathryn Mallory at 406-243-2813 or email gallery.visarts@umontana.edu. Information about the Gallery of Visual Arts is available at <http://www.umt.edu/art>.

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UM NEWS



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September 21, 2012

MISSOULA –

Montana's public broadcasting services, Montana Public Radio, Yellowstone Public Radio and MontanaPBS, have joined with The University of Montana School of Journalism to launch an election year website and collaborate on broadcast debates and election programming.

The website, <http://montanapublicmedia.org>, will archive all the broadcast and online material produced by the partners. It also will provide links to other Web resources.

"The goal is to be a 'go-to' site for citizens who want to learn more about the candidates and the races," said William Marcus, a general manager of MontanaPBS and MTPR.

The partners also plan an ambitious lineup of broadcast debates, candidate profiles and interviews, special documentaries and "Equal Time" and "Ad Watch" segments. The debates will be broadcast live on public radio and TV at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 25:** U.S. House of Representatives race.
- **Monday, Oct. 8:** U.S. Senate race.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 10:** Governor race.

MontanaPBS will broadcast fact-checking segments produced by the UM School of Journalism following each debate, and MTPR will provide analysis for radio listeners.

MTPR's "Campaign Beat" and Jackie Yamanaka's candidate interviews and call-in programs will be archived on <http://montanapublicmedia.org>, as will the "Ad Watch" and "Equal Time" segments from MontanaPBS. "Equal Time" allows candidates for Montana's four government administrative offices: secretary of state, state auditor, attorney general and superintendent of public instruction. It's an unedited opportunity to answer a set of pertinent questions. "Ad Watch" analyzes campaign advertising.

MontanaPBS will broadcast documentary profiles of the candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and governor. Another MontanaPBS program, "Billing Montanans," will examine how two Montana families' tax dollars are apportioned to sectors of local and state government.

The news staffs at MTPR and YPR will produce interviews and call-in programs with candidates as part of their regular news programming.

The coverage will culminate with live election-night reporting, coordinated with PBS NewsHour and NPR coverage, to bring viewers and listeners results from statewide races.

Montana Public Media's website and special reporting is supported, in part, by a grant from the Greater Montana Foundation.

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UM NEWS

September 21, 2012

MISSOULA –

Montana Public Radio has received a \$20,000 grant from the Steele-Reese Foundation and a \$6,000 grant from Humanities Montana. Both grants will support production of “The Write Question,” a weekly literary program that features writers from the western U.S.

The funds will allow producer Chérie Newman to build new relationships with Native American writers and rural communities throughout Montana.

The Steele-Reese Foundation was founded by Emmet and Eleanor Reese and provides grants in rural Kentucky, Idaho and Montana. Humanities Montana is Montana's independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Since 2007, “The Write Question” has featured writers such as James Lee Burke, Thomas McGuane, Maile Meloy, Rick Bass, Kim Barnes, Barry Lopez, Mary Blew, Karl Marlantas, Judy Blunt, William Kittredge and dozens of poets, including Montana’s poet laureates.

The program presents a mix of fiction, nonfiction and poetry for adults and occasionally young readers. Through social networking, a blog and live presentations, the program is also a networking and education tool that connects regional writers with new readers, students and a worldwide audience.

“The Write Question” broadcasts each week on Montana’s two public radio stations: Montana Public Radio in Missoula and Yellowstone Public Radio in Billings. Program is also are archived online at <http://thewritequestion.blogspot.com> and <http://www.prx.org>. The podcast is available at <http://mtpr.org>.

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UM NEWS

September 20, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana art history and criticism Professor H. Rafael Chacón will present a lecture titled “Tensions Between City and Country in Art of the Belle Époque” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Chacón's lecture will provide a historical backdrop for the current exhibitions on display in the Montana Museum of Art & Culture in the PAR/TV Center. The exhibitions, “Labor and Leisure: Impressionist and Realist Masterpieces from a Private Collection” and “Impressionism: Masterpieces on Paper,” showcase the development of Impressionism by some of history's most notable artists, including Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Edgar Degas.

Chacón developed his lecture, which focuses on the mid-19th century transformation of Paris and its impact on art of the time, while serving as a Smithsonian Journeys lecturer on a Viking River Cruises ship over the summer. The cruise traveled the Seine River from Paris to Normandy, and Chacón visited museums and collections in Paris and researched several sites where Impressionists painted and worked.

“My most significant experience was visiting Monet's gardens in Giverny,” Chacón said. Monet painted some of his most notable works, including the Water Lilies series, in his garden.

The Impressionist exhibits are on display at MMAC through Jan. 5. The museum's hours are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information call 406-243-2019 or go online to <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

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UM NEWS



September 20, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Associated Students of The University of Montana Off-Campus Renter Center’s Neighborhood Ambassador Program will continue into a second semester this fall. Seven student ambassadors will work to encourage positive relationships between student renters and homeowners living in the University District.

The program was expanded slightly with the addition of two ambassadors, the appointment of one of the student ambassadors as program manager and the inclusion of new areas. The updated territory includes neighborhoods between Eddy and East Kent avenues, with Ronald Avenue as the western boundary. Pending funding, ASUM hopes to expand the program to encompass the entire University District by spring semester.

Neighborhood ambassadors serve as student liaisons in the University District and are charged with bridging the gap between student renters and permanent residents. Ambassadors will be assigned a designated area where they will go door to door to meet the area’s residents.

Student ambassadors address some of the most contentious issues facing the neighborhoods immediately surrounding campus, such as parking, trash and noise. The ambassador team will work together to distribute newsletters, plan neighborhood events and create a network of communication between neighbors living in the University District. Additionally, ambassadors will execute educational outreach campaigns to inform students of their rights and responsibilities as renters.

“The idea is that if the student renters and homeowners living in close proximity to each other establish relationships, then they will be more likely to resolve issues among themselves in a friendly manner, rather than allowing conflicts to escalate to the point that police intervention is required,” said Katherine Brady, director of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center.

The Neighborhood Ambassador Program started in spring 2012 as a way to mitigate negative relationships between student renters and homeowners and to increase off-campus student awareness of renter rights and responsibilities.

For more information about the Neighborhood Ambassador Program, email Brady at rentercenter@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS

September 20, 2012

MISSOULA –

The World’s Largest Garage Sale, hosted by The University of Montana Advocates, is coming back to Missoula on Saturday, Oct. 6, in the campus parking garage east of the Mansfield Library.

The event is free and open to the public. Sales are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors will set up at 7 a.m. Vendors can purchase a selling spot the size of two parking spaces for \$25. Each additional parking spot is \$10. The event is open to any and all individuals interested in buying or selling goods.

Registration forms are available at The Source in the University Center or online at <http://life.umt.edu/umadv>.

The semiannual event, which draws nearly 100 sellers and thousands of shoppers, is a fundraiser for UM Advocates, a campus service organization. For more information call Kristy Ernst or Ashley Ferro at 406-243-5874 or email advocates@mso.umt.edu.

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September 20, 2012

MISSOULA –

The 2012 Provost's Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series at The University of Montana will kick off with a lecture by UM School of Music Associate Professor Charles Nichols.

The lecture, titled "Composing Human-Computer Interactivity for Musical Performance," is slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the University Center Ballroom. The lecture series is free and open to the public.

Nichols, who teaches composition and music technology, was a finalist for the 2011 International Music Prize for Excellence in Composition. An exceptional composer, violinist and computer-music researcher, Nichols has presented his acoustic and electroacoustic compositions at prestigious festivals around the world. He recently coordinated the Mountain Computer Music Festival on campus, which featured computer-music compositions by UM students, faculty and visiting artists.

Following is the schedule of other lectures in the series this semester:

- **6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22:** Jack Stanford, Bierman Professor and director of the Flathead Lake Biological Station. UC Ballroom.
- **6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5:** Richard Bridges, Regents Professor and chair of the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences. UC Theater.

For more information on the lecture series, visit <http://www.umt.edu/provost/pdfis> or call the UM Office of the Provost at 406-243-4689.

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September 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

A full slate of events is planned at The University of Montana in honor of American Indian Heritage Day on Friday, Sept. 28. The events commence at sunrise and continue into the afternoon as follows:

- **7 a.m.:** Sunrise Ceremony – Led by Arleen Adams in The Payne Family Native American Center Story-Telling Area.
- **8:30 a.m.:** Tipi Raising – Southwest quadrant of the Oval.
- **10 a.m.:** Student Club Information and Crafts Fair – Native American Center Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place.
- **Noon:** American Indian Heritage Day Proclamation – Presented by UM Vice President for Student Affairs Teresa Branch, Native American Center East Entrance.
- **12:30 p.m.:** American Indian Student Services Soup Friday – Hosted by the Office of Student Affairs, Native American Center Student Lounge.
- **12:30 p.m.:** Native American traditional games – The Oval.
- **12:30 p.m.:** Bonnie HeavyRunner Tipi Race – The Oval.
- **1 p.m.:** Redefined Art and Identity film – Presented by Julie Cajun, Salish Educator, Native American Center Room 105.

“Each year Native American Studies has celebrated American Indian Heritage Day, which was designated by the Montana Legislature in 1997, with cultural events throughout the day,” said Salena Beaumont Hill, academic adviser and program liaison for the UM Native American Studies Department. “The goal of the activities is to share with the UM campus and Missoula community our unique cultures and provide the opportunity for our American Indian students to share their cultural knowledge and expertise.”

For more information call Beaumont Hill at 406-243-5834 or email salena.hill@umontana.edu.

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September 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

Award-winning author Susan Cheever will visit The University of Montana to present a craft lecture and nonfiction reading Friday, Sept. 28. The lecture, titled “The Perfect Sentence,” will be held from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in Social Sciences Building Room 344 and the reading will begin at 7 p.m. in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall.

Cheever is the author of several books and has written essays, book reviews and articles for publications including The New Yorker, The New York Times and The Washington Post, and was a member of the Pulitzer Prize-winning team at Newsday. She is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and an Associated Press Award, is a member of the Authors Guild Council and is a director of the board of the Yaddo Corporation. She teaches in the master’s of fine arts creative writing programs at Bennington College and The New School.

Both events are free and open to the public. Cheever’s visit is sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program and the President’s Writers-in-Residence Series.

For more information visit the UM Creative Writing Program website at http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing or call Program Coordinator Karin Schalm at 406-243-5267 or email karin.schalm@umontana.edu.

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September 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

The annual Heart Walk and 5K Heart Run, a fundraiser for the American Heart and Stroke Association, will take place from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at The University of Montana.

More than 600 people are expected to turn out for the event to raise funds to support the education and research efforts of the American Heart Association, a nonprofit that raises awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke and promotes heart-healthy lifestyles. This year's goal is \$115,000.

No fundraising minimum is required to take part in the Heart Walk, and registration is open until the day of the event. Heart Run registration is \$20, and athletes can register starting at 8 a.m. the morning of the run or in advance online at <http://www.missoulaheartwalk.org>.

At 9:15 a.m., Heart Run participants will race their way through a 3.1-mile timed course that winds through campus, travels the Kim Williams Trail and finishes on the Oval. Walkers will stride out at 11 a.m., covering a nearly three-mile, noncompetitive course around the UM campus. The event also will feature a senior route around the Oval, and Missoula-area mascots will lead kids in an out-and-back dash from the center of the Oval to the Grizzly Bear Statue. Age-group awards and a closing ceremony will follow on the Oval.

Guest speakers will kick off a ceremony at 10:15 a.m. to introduce heart disease survivors and remember those who have passed away because of heart disease. Speakers will include Missoula Mayor John Engen, First Interstate Bank Vice President Bob Burns and Mountain Broadcasting President Sheila Callahan. Winners of the 5K Heart Run will be recognized for first-, second- and third-place finishes, and top walkers will be honored for their fundraising efforts.

The kids' zone at the Heart Walk will feature spectrUM Discovery Area's popular exhibit "Hands on Health." The exhibit features interactive science activities that explore health professions and sciences, including a health assessment station and a giant runny nose that participants can diagnose.

Refreshments and information on healthy lifestyles also will be available at the event. Grizzly athletes will volunteer and will take part in the festivities, and the UM Spirit Squad will provide enthusiasm as they warm up walkers and cheer on runners.

For more information or to register, call American Heart Association Regional Director Bill Mathews at 406-531-8281, email bill.mathews@heart.org or visit <http://www.missoulaheartwalk.org>.

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September 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

Rev. Ken Olson will present a lecture titled “Fossils, Dinosaurs and the History of Life: Exploring Evolution, Creation, and Deep Time and Space” at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, in the University Center Ballroom at The University of Montana.

Olson is a research associate for the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman and served as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Lewistown. Olson has a broad background in biology, a degree in philosophy and an advanced degree in theology. He served Lutheran congregations for 37 years and has been affiliated with the

Museum of the Rockies for 24 years. He recently wrote a book titled “Lens to the Natural World: Reflections on Dinosaurs, Galaxies and God” that engages the wonder of nature from both scientific and religious points of view.

Olson’s lecture at UM is sponsored by Emmaus Campus Ministry and St. Paul, Immanuel, Atonement and Prince of Peace Lutheran churches in Missoula, and Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Bonner. For more information, email Emmaus Campus Ministry Rev. John Lund at john@montanalcmm.org.

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UM NEWS



September 18, 2012

MISSOULA –

Painting and mixed media work by University of Montana alumni Christine Pinney Karkow, Bev Beck Glueckert and Monica Bauer will be on display in “20 Years and Counting,” a new art exhibit opening at the University Center Art Gallery Monday, Oct. 1.

Karkow, Glueckert and Bauer have practiced art for 20 years, and with this show pose the question, “In the midst of mass-produced, repetitive and for-profit spaces, can there still be some type of poetic essence that is able to transcend advertising exploitation in order to express something of history and myth?”

An opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the gallery, located in UC Room 227. The exhibit will be on display until Oct. 26.

The show is also the focus of the Oct. 25 Day of Dialogue lecture by Bauer titled “Art. Class. Nation. Location.” The lecture is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the UC Theater and is free and open to the public. A light reception will be available prior to the lecture at 5:30 p.m.

The UC Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday during the academic year. To learn more, visit <http://www.umt.edu/uc/ucg>.

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UM NEWS



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September 18, 2012

MISSOULA –

A new hands-on interactive science exhibition titled “Nano” is on display at The University of Montana’s spectrUM Discovery Area, located in Skaggs Building Room 166.

“Nano” is an engaging exhibition for visitors of all ages about nanoscale science, technology and engineering. The exhibition includes hands-on, interactive exhibits that invite exploration of nano phenomena and real-world applications and implications.

At the nanoscale – the scale of atoms and molecules – many common materials exhibit unusual properties. The ability to manipulate matter at this size enables innovations that weren’t possible before. Nanotechnology is revolutionizing research and development in medicine, computing, new materials, food, energy and more.

The “Nano” exhibit was created by the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network with funding from the National Science Foundation. The NISE Network builds partnerships between science museums and research centers to increase their capacity to engage the public in learning about nanoscale science and engineering.

The spectrUM Discovery Area is open from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is \$3.50 per person and free for members. Free passes for families in need are available for check-out at the Missoula Public Library. Prearranged field trips area offered throughout the week.

For more information about spectrUM Discovery Area, go online to <http://www.spectrum.umt.edu>, call Jessie Herbert at 406-243-4828 or email jessie.herbert@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



September 17, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana students, faculty and staff plan to gather with members of the Missoula community on the UM Oval to “Be Part of the Heart” on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

“Be Part of the Heart” is Missoula’s first-ever grassroots attempt to gather 2,000 people dressed in red to stand in the shape of a heart, making a dramatic statement in support of healthy hearts.

“The American Heart Association is a cause that is important to me and to this campus and we are very proud have hosted the Heart Walk and Heart Run for more than a decade,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “I’m excited to further our support of heart research and help spread awareness at UM with this first-time event.”

The event aims to raise \$10,000 to support the American Heart & Stroke Association and raise awareness for heart health.

Missoula residents of all ages are invited to participate. The event kicks off at noon and participants should plan to be in the heart no later than 12:45 p.m. There is no cost to participate, but the suggested donation is \$5. The first 300 participants will receive a free Subway sandwich and bottled water from Coca-Cola Missoula.

The Bookstore at UM is selling red “Be Part of the Heart” T-shirts for \$5 and will donate all proceeds to the Missoula chapter of the American Heart & Stroke Association. Students from the UM’s Entertainment Management Program also will be selling the T-shirts in the University Center Sept. 17-18 and Sept. 24-25 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

During the event, participants will have the chance to win prizes including two tickets to the sold-out Pearl Jam concert, four tickets to the Oct. 13 Griz vs. Southern Utah University home football game, a reserved parking space on campus, a new cruiser bike, a \$250 Southgate Mall gift certificate and more.

The Trail 103.3 FM radio personality Tracy Lopez will emcee the event and UM mascot Monte and the UM Spirit Squad will be on hand for the fun. At 12:45 p.m., when the heart is at its fullest, a photo will be captured and shared electronically along with a time-lapse video.

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in the United States. Every 25 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a coronary event and about one person every minute will die from one. Events such as the Annual Heart Walk/Heart Run and “Be Part of the Heart” raise much-needed funds to support the American Heart Association’s lifesaving research, education and advocacy programs in Montana.

“Be Part of the Heart” is an inaugural warm-up event to the Heart Walk/Heart Run, which is slated for Saturday, Sept. 29, at UM.

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Note to media: A time-lapse video of the heart forming on the Oval will be created and available after the event on the UM’s YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/universityofmontana>.

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UM NEWS



September 17, 2012

MISSOULA –

Gov. Brian Schweitzer has proclaimed October Information Literacy Awareness Month in Montana, and the Mike and Maureen Mansfield Library at The University of Montana is happy to bring awareness to its information literacy curriculum.

Last year, 9,081 UM students received information literacy instruction through the Mansfield Library. The mission of the library instruction curriculum is to create information-literate students who know how to find, evaluate and use information effectively and ethically.

Library teaching faculty integrate information literacy into many first-year UM classes and collaborate with department faculty to provide integrated information literacy instruction in upper-division, graduate and research courses. They further offer an array of credit classes, including online instruction, and online resources and services for students and faculty.

The state proclamation honors academic, public, school and special libraries that strive to assist Montana residents with “the ability to search, find and analyze various forms of information as necessary for the lifelong learning demanded by today’s challenging economic environment.”

The initiative to honor Information Literacy Awareness Month in Montana was led by Sue Samson, Mansfield Library professor, humanities librarian and library instruction coordinator, supported by librarians at academic libraries across the state and coordinated nationally by the National Forum on Information Literacy.

“As information professionals, librarians are uniquely positioned to guide the process of integrating information literacy within the university curriculum and to ensure that students are prepared for the challenges of a highly competitive, information-rich society,” Samson said.

For more information contact Samson at 406-243-4335 or email sue.samson@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



September 17, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Montana Law Review will dedicate this year's Honorable James R. Browning Symposium at The University of Montana to an examination of election law and the state of the republican form of government in the states.

The symposium, which is free and open to the public, will take place Thursday and Friday, Sept. 27-28, in the University Center Ballroom. Registration is not required.

Topics to be discussed include campaign finance regulation, election administration, ballot issues, redistricting, judicial elections, voting rights in Indian Country, the intersection of state corporate and campaign laws, political libel and others.

Members of the State Bar of Montana can receive Continuing Legal Education credits for each event attended. A total of eight free CLE credits are available

The symposium will feature highly regarded national, regional and local speakers and panelists. The full list of panelists can be found online at <http://www.montanalawreview.com>. The symposium schedule is as follows:

Thursday, Sept. 27

- **6-7 p.m.:** Keynote address by Professor Lawrence Lessig of Harvard Law School

Friday, Sept. 28

- **8:30 a.m.:** Introduction by UM Professor Anthony Johnstone
- **8:45-10:30 a.m.:** "The Rules of a Republican Form of Government"
- **10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.:** "The Administration of a Republican Form of Government"
- **2-3:45 p.m.:** "The Adjudication of a Republican Form of Government"
- **4-5:45 p.m.:** "Montana's Republican Form of Government"
- **6 p.m.:** Reception at the UM School of Law

The biennial symposium honors Judge James R. Browning, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, who was raised in Belt and graduated from the UM School of Law in 1941. Judge Browning was a member of the first editorial board of the Montana Law Review and served as editor-in-chief. In September of 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed Browning to the Ninth Circuit, where he served until his retirement. Prior to joining the Court, Browning served as Clerk of the United States Supreme Court. Browning died May 5, 2012.

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UM NEWS



September 14, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Student Involvement Network at The University of Montana is bringing the Upright Citizens Brigade to the University Center Theater from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, to kick off the semester with a fun evening for students. The improv comedy show is free and open to the public.

Featuring an all-female cast, Upright Citizens Brigade's 90-minute show consists of two halves of the freshest long-form improv the nation has to offer. The TourCo cast is hand-picked from the best improv comedians in New York City and Los Angeles.

According to Jamar Galbreath, program adviser for the UC Student Involvement Network, the performers are the "next wave" of comedy superstars from the theatre that has produced some of the biggest stars in comedy today. From "Saturday Night Live" to "The Office," the tour includes some of the most talented comedians and some of the funniest writers of the "Colbert Report," "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and "MAD TV." Upright Citizens Brigade alums also have starred on the big screen in films including "Bridesmaids," "Mean Girls," "The Hangover" and more.

To learn more about this event, visit the UC website at <http://life.umt.edu/uc/>, call Galbreath at 406-243-5776 or email jamar.galbreath@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



September 14, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana graduate student Will Freihofer's close-up shot of a Japanese rhinoceros beetle was featured on the cover of the August issue of Science magazine. Freihofer photographed the beetle to supplement UM Professor Doug Emlen's article "A Mechanism of Extreme Growth and Reliable Signaling in Sexually Selected Ornaments and Weapons."

Freihofer, of Lyme, N.H., is a second-year graduate student at UM's School of Journalism. The graduate program focuses on environmental science and natural resource journalism, so students spend time in laboratories on campus to get a behind-the-scenes experience with science. Freihofer was interested in Emlen's research of the huge-horned beetles, and over the semester learned how to use macro photography to take the best bug shots.

"Will was great fun to have in the lab," Emlen said. "He also was very patient, since it took lots and lots of tries to get the photos right and I kept asking him to try different angles and backgrounds."

When Emlen submitted his article to Science, he included some of Freihofer's photos, which were chosen to run in the magazine. Freihofer also produced a short video about the lab, which is featured on the Science website. Because the article was reviewed and accepted quickly, Freihofer was on a time crunch to get the video together in time, but he's happy to have been a part of the experience.

"It was a lot of fun working with the lab," Freihofer said. "I'm glad my photos got in the magazine, but the actual science behind it is considerably more impressive. It was cool to see that from the inside."

Freihofer received his bachelor's degree in journalism from UM in 2009. He teaches photojournalism classes while he finishes his master's, and after graduation hopes to shoot photos for a magazine, do freelance work or continue teaching.

For more information call Freihofer at 406-396-5193 or email william.freihofer@umontana.edu. The video Freihofer produced can be viewed at <http://video.sciencemag.org/VideoLab/beetles/>.



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Photo caption: Will Freihofer's photo of a Japanese rhinoceros beetle was featured on the August cover of Science magazine. Freihofer produced a video and photos of the beetles while working in a lab at The University of Montana as part of his graduate coursework in photojournalism. (Photo by Will Freihofer)

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UM NEWS



September 14, 2012

MISSOULA –

The community is invited to join the festivities at The University of Montana's 2012 Homecoming Week, which takes place Sept. 16-22 with a full schedule of traditional events.

This year's Homecoming theme, "We Are Montana," embodies the united spirit of UM students, alumni, supporters, faculty and staff – a spirit that spreads throughout all of Missoula and Montana. "We Are Montana" declares our pride in UM's legacy of academic excellence and our tradition of athletic success.

Homecoming Week kicks off Sunday, Sept. 16, with music and celebration from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Southgate Mall Clock Court, sponsored by Southgate Mall, Missoula's 102.5 Mountain FM, UM and the UM Office of Alumni Relations.

The Homecoming Art Fair runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Friday, Sept. 20-21, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, in the University Center Atrium.

The public is invited to attend the Homecoming Dinner at the Food Zoo in the Lommasson Center at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. The cost is \$7.45 per person.

An awards program and reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, in the UC Ballroom will honor the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: Doug Chadwick, Don Molloy, Thomas Riggert and Joseph Valacich.

The All Alumni Social and Dance begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park. Music will be provided by the Alumni Jazz Band from 7:30 to 10 p.m., with a break to see the UM Marching Band perform with the UM Spirit Squad between 9 and 9:30 p.m. Dueling Pianos will play from 10 p.m. to approximately 12:30 a.m., while the Alumni Jazz Band moves to Brooks and Brown adjacent to the atrium. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Yell Night Pep Rally gets under way at 8 p.m. Friday on the UM Oval with the lighting of the M at dusk. Join Montana Grizzlies head football coach Mick Delaney and other coaches, players, cheerleaders, the UM Marching Band and Monte around the bonfire.

The fourth annual Homecoming Hustle 5K race starts at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the intersection of Higgins Avenue and Broadway downtown.

The annual Homecoming parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Higgins and Broadway, traveling south on Higgins to University Avenue. This year's honorary parade marshals are UM's nine Regents Professors: Fred Allendorf, Albert Borgmann, Richard J. Bridges, J. Martin Burke, William Kittredge, Paul Gordon Lauren, Jakki Mohr, Steven W. Running and William W. Woessner.

The Montana Grizzlies take on the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the annual Homecoming football game in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

The public is invited to join fellow Griz fans at the Alumni Homecoming TV Tailgate from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Adams Center's East Auxiliary Gym. Watch the game on a big-screen TV while enjoying food, beverages and prize drawings.

For a complete schedule of Homecoming events, call the UM Office of Alumni Relations and Alumni Association at 406-243-5211 or visit <http://www.grizalum.com>.

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UM NEWS



September 13, 2012

MISSOULA –

When University of Montana piano Professor Christopher Hahn moved to Missoula in 2004, he made a point of reaching out to a local composer. That composer, David Maslanka, is world renowned for his symphonies, chamber music and percussion ensembles. Eight years later, Hahn, as part of the CanAm Piano Duo, has released a recording of “This is the World,” an original composition by Maslanka.

Hahn has performed with friend Karen Beres as the CanAm Piano Duo since 2002. Beres, also a professor of music, teaches at the North Carolina School of the Arts, and the duo has won several awards, including the silver medal at the 2008 International Chamber Music Ensemble Competition in Boston. Their repertoire includes new works and masterpieces of the 20th century, but in 2006, they decided to expand their catalogue.

“I thought it would be great to add a new work by a highly recognized, respected and admired composer,” Hahn said.

Hahn, Beres and percussionist Lance Drege met with Maslanka in 2006 to commission a 25-minute piece for two pianos and percussion. In 2008, and with another percussionist, David Steffens, the group received “This is the World,” a 45-minute ethereal composition.

Beres attained a grant through the North Carolina School of the Arts to commission the piece, and the rest of the ensemble received small grants to support recording of a CD. The group practiced the piece and performed it about 10 times in concerts before hitting the recording studio in June 2011.

The group decided to record at the University of Oklahoma, as Drege and Steffens both live in Oklahoma City, and Hahn taught at Oklahoma City University before coming to UM. They premiered “This is the World” at the university’s concert hall, and Hahn said the large space and Steinway pianos made for a great sound.

After a short recording period and a much longer production phase, the CD was released in August. Hahn finally listened to his copy just last week.

“I had no idea what it was going to sound like,” he said. “I was just leaving it up to chance.”

The CD is available through Albany Records and, aside from the five-movement “This is the World,” features two short pieces.

Hahn said “This is the World” has a complex, celestial feel and is a great piece to experience live.

“We’ve performed it in various places across the country, and it’s amazing that the audience immediately goes into a really intense listening experience,” he said. “It’s a focused listening. You really feel like everyone in that room is right there.”

The group plans to perform the piece in concert in the future, but right now Hahn is happy to have the CD in hand.

“I had no idea what the final product was going to sound like,” Hahn said. “You play the recording back and just hope it meets your high expectations, and I’m pleased to say our recording exceeds what I thought it would be.”

“This is the World” is available for preview and purchase at <http://www.albanyrecords.com>. For more information call Hahn at 406-243-6490 or email christopher.hahn@umontana.edu.

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Photo caption: UM piano Professor Christopher Hahn and Karen Beres perform as the award-winning CanAm Piano Duo. (Photo courtesy of Christopher Hahn)

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UM NEWS



September 12, 2012

MISSOULA –

Ahmed Rashid, author and leading authority on the Taliban, will present a lecture titled “The Consequences of American Foreign Policy in Afghanistan and Pakistan” as part of The University of Montana President’s Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the University Center Ballroom at UM.

Rashid will discuss his latest book, “Pakistan on the Brink: The Future of America, Pakistan and Afghanistan.” He writes that after 11 years of war and nation-building in Afghanistan, “the bare bones of a functioning country are still missing.” Meanwhile, relations between Pakistan and the U.S. are at their lowest point ever. That country, too, is on the edge of a precipice, and the war policies of Presidents Bush and Obama have failed, for reasons Rashid is uniquely prepared to explain.

Rashid also will present a seminar titled “Pakistan on the Brink: An Update” from 3:40 to 5 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123 the same day. Both the lecture and the seminar are free and open to the public.

Rashid was born in Pakistan in 1948 and educated at Cambridge University. He has covered the politics of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asia for 30 years. He has written articles for the Financial Times, The Guardian and The Wall Street Journal, and regularly appears on NPR, CNN, the BBC World Service and Public Broadcasting Service’s The NewsHour. His 2000 book “Taliban: Islam, Oil and the New Great Game” was a New York Times bestseller and he has written several other books on Islam and the politics of Central Asia.

The President’s Lecture Series consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. For more information on the President’s Lecture Series, visit <http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/> or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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MISSOULA –

Missoula College of The University of Montana will offer free college preparation non-credit classes for qualified veterans through the Montana Veterans Upward Bound program during October and November. The courses are designed to help veterans brush up on basic skills in small, supportive groups.

Courses offered include college success, computers, math and writing. An orientation and graduation each with free refreshments will be offered, and students don't need to be enrolled in Missoula College or UM to attend courses. Classes begin Oct. 1 and run through Nov. 13.

"The advantage of taking these courses prior to starting college is veterans feel more at ease taking classes with fellow veterans who understand and feel the same about getting back to school," said Mary Opitz, coordinator of the Veterans Upward Bound program at Missoula College.

For more information or to enroll in courses, call 1-877-356-VETS or visit <http://www.vubmt.com>.

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September 12, 2012

MISSOULA –

Ska and reggae legends Toots and The Maytals will bring their 50th anniversary acoustic tour to The University of Montana on Thursday, Nov. 15. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. show in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Tickets cost \$28 for general public and \$20 for students. They will be available for purchase online at <http://www.griztix.com> and at all GrizTix locations beginning Thursday, Sept. 13, for students and Monday, Sept. 17, for the public.

Toots and The Maytals create a unique combination of gospel, ska, soul, reggae and rock. The group released three best-selling albums and hit singles with “Funky Kingston” and “Reggae Got Soul” in the 1970s. The band won a Grammy Award for best reggae album in 2005 for “True Love,” and in 2008, received another Grammy nomination for “Light Your Light.”

For more information call UM Productions Marketing Coordinator Zoe Donovan at 406-243-4719 or email marketing@umproductions.org.

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UM NEWS



September 12, 2012

MISSOULA –

Behind-the-scenes video and interviews with two young 4-H kids will highlight a special broadcast of the MontanaPBS documentary “4-H: Six Montana Stories” at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, on MontanaPBS.

“4-H: Six Montana Stories” follows six young Montanans as they learn that 4-H is about having fun, but being responsible about it. It’s about refusing to give up on the runt of the litter and staying up all night to bottle feed a sick calf while knowing someday you’ll have to say goodbye. It’s knowing where you’re headed but never forgetting where you’ve been. And it’s about pledging your head, your heart, your hands and your health – not for yourself but to help others.

The program premiered this summer and a sneak-preview was a highlight at 4-H Congress at Montana State University in July. Families and friends of the six young 4-H’ers responded enthusiastically to having their triumphs and trials shared with a statewide audience.

Two of the participants, Garret Jolma from Winnett and Jordan Stoltz from Valier, will join producer-writer Gus Chambers in the studio for the Sept. 16 broadcast to talk about their experience while making the documentary. Chambers also will share behind-the-scenes video that didn’t make it into the documentary.

Viewers can make pledges to receive a copy of the DVD, which contains the extra video and other special features.

“4-H: Six Montana Stories” was made possible with funding from the Montana Farm Bureau Federation, the Greater Montana Foundation and The University of Montana.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: High resolution photographs are available at the “4-H: Six Montana Stories” pressroom at <http://www.montanapbs.org/4HSixMontanaStories/pressroom/>. A screener of partial fine cut is available to news organizations by emailing william.marcus@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



September 12, 2012

MISSOULA, Mont. –

After conducting a nationwide search, President Royce Engstrom has named Kent Haslam the next director of athletics at The University of Montana.

Haslam, currently associate athletic director for development with the UM Foundation, will start his new duties Sept. 17.

"I believe Kent Haslam is the right person to lead The University of Montana athletic program into one of national distinction for athletics, academics and campus and community involvement," Engstrom said.

"I am honored to be named the new director of athletics at The University of Montana," Haslam said. "I have tremendous respect for the tradition and history of this great University and look forward to helping advance the overall mission of UM.

"I believe strongly in the role that college athletics plays on a university campus – a role that unites, builds pride and serves the student-athletes and community. I look forward to advancing a vision focused on academic success, athletic excellence and community service," he said.

Haslam was one of four finalists who recently interviewed on campus.

"We had a tremendous pool of candidates, and the search committee brought in four exceptional finalists, each of whom brought certain strengths," Engstrom said. "In the end, Kent was the strong favorite of the committee, and he was my choice because of his exemplary work for UM, because he understands Grizzly athletics and because he has the attitude, capabilities and energy to lead us forward."

Haslam has worked for the UM Foundation since January 2006, directing and managing all fundraising activities for the University's intercollegiate athletics department. He managed a portfolio of more than 150 donors, helping solicit and secure six- and seven-figure gifts to athletics and joint gifts that benefitted other programs across campus. He also was a key team member for funding recent expansions and improvements to Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

From 2000 to 2006, Haslam was associate athletic director for external operations at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, where he directed all aspects of the marketing, promotions, sports information, broadcasting, ticketing and game management for NAU's athletic department.

Haslam served as manager of media and communications for the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee from 1998 to 2000. He returned to Salt Lake City during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games to serve a monthlong assignment as a supervisor of the Olympic News Service.

From 1993 to 1998, Haslam was director of communications and corporate development for the Salt Lake Buzz Baseball Club in Utah. In 1997, he also served as team travel coordinator, Japanese translator and media relations specialist for the Anaheim Angels during spring training. He translated for Angels' pitcher Shigetoshi Hasegawa and handled Japanese media requests.

Haslam earned undergraduate degrees in broadcast journalism and Japanese from Brigham Young University in 1993 and an education master's degree from NAU in 2004. He speaks Japanese and spent nearly three years living and working in Japan.

Read Haslam's letter to Griz Nation [here](#).

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NOTE TO MEDIA: President Royce Engstrom and Kent Haslam will be available for questions and interviews after a news conference at noon Wednesday, Sept. 12, in front of Main Hall.

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UM NEWS



September 12, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana is the recent recipient of a VEGA-3 Variable Pressure Scanning Electron Microscope, which will be installed in a Clapp Building lab on Wednesday, Sept. 12, by an engineer of the TESCAN company.

The \$425,000 microscope is funded primarily by the National Science Foundation's Major Research Instrumentation program and will allow UM researchers to look at objects at the micron and nanometer scale. The microscope uses electrons instead of light to magnify objects tens of thousands of times, magnifying one-millionth to one-billionth of a meter.

The instrument also features several special detectors that can capture other types of images. For example, researchers can spatially map the individual chemical elements in a sample, obtain precise information about the chemical composition of materials at a particular spot, spatially map mineral distribution in a rock or look at the orientation of crystal lattices of individual minerals in geological samples. It essentially integrates surface imaging, chemistry and crystallography into a single tool.

"The tool will allow UM faculty to expand into new research, particularly with respect to environmental, energy resources and materials-based archaeology research that previously couldn't be done on UM's campus," said Julia Baldwin, associate professor of geosciences and the driving force behind getting the SEM to UM.

Researchers in geosciences, anthropology, chemistry and biochemistry, physics and astronomy and the College of Forestry and Conservation will use the instrument. Applications include analyzing porosity and mineralogical composition of rocks and minerals, materials-based archaeology research on the sources of lithic materials and transport strategies, imaging mineralogical and morphology changes in fire ash and the effects on runoff and documenting the nature and compositions of metal contamination in fluvial sediments.

The instrument temporarily will be housed in UM's Clapp Building but will move to a new state-of-the-art electron microscopy suite in UM's Interdisciplinary Sciences Building in the coming year, along with existing campus instruments that are currently housed with the Division of Biological Sciences.

Because the UM is one of the few western universities with a scanning electron microscope that offers such a wide versatility in imaging capabilities, it will be made available for use by faculty from other universities and colleges. Other agencies such as the Fire Sciences Lab and the Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology also have expressed interest in its applications.

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Note to media: A celebration ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in Clapp Building Room 369. Members of the media are welcome to attend, and College of Arts and Sciences Dean Chris Comer and Geosciences Department Chair Johnnie Moore will be available for interviews.

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UM NEWS



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September 11, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana received a Merit Award from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting for achieving a 90 percent or higher graduate pass rate on the Certified Surgical Technologist exam during the 2011-12 academic year.

The surgical technology associate degree program is offered through Missoula College UM. The program accepts students at Missoula College and at outreach campuses in Billings and Butte. Students participate in a variety of online and classroom instruction and outreach-campus students are required to travel to Missoula to take the CST exam and attend graduation ceremonies.

“This Merit Award demonstrates the excellence in quality of education, delivered both face-to-face and online, through the Missoula College campus,” said Debbie Fillmore, director of the Surgical Technology program. “The certification credential is a very critical one in today’s health care environment because it ensures quality patient care in the surgical setting.”

The CST is recognized as the foremost credential for surgical technologists in the nation and is required for employment in many local, state and national health care organizations.

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UM NEWS



September 11, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Mansfield Center at The University of Montana has announced its Fall 2012 Brown Bag Lecture Series. All sessions are free and open to the public.

The series reflects the center's mission to promote an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics. All sessions start at noon in the Mansfield Center in the Mansfield Library at UM, unless otherwise noted.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 18:** "Global Climate Change and the Ethics of Species Preservation" by Northeastern University Philosophy Professor Ronald Sandler. University Center Theater.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 26:** "Interning with the U.S. Department of State" by summer 2012 intern and UM senior Madeline Bermes.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 3:** "Studying Climate Change in Vietnam: Shared Impacts on Water, Forestry and Eco-Tourism" by UM Environmental Studies Professor Dan Spencer.
- **Thursday, Oct. 4:** "Wolf, Moose, Philosopher: Environmental Ethics and the Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Project" by Michael Nelson, associate professor of environmental philosophy and ethics at Oregon State University. University Center Theater.
- **Thursday, Oct. 11:** "Reflections on Issues of Women's Empowerment in Southeast Asia" by State Department exchange professionals from Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 24:** "Wicked Problems, Deliberation and Community Management of Irrigation Canals in Kara Kulja District, Kyrgyz Republic" by Mike Igoe, UM master's degree candidate in resource conservation.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 30:** "Second (Third and Fourth) Thoughts on Geoengineering: Governance and Ethics in Climate Engineering Research" by Professors Jane Long of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Nancy Tuana of the Penn State University Rock Ethics Institute, University Center Room 330.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 7:** "Translation, Literature and Modernization Regarding China" by Professor Luo Xuanmin, Ph.D., Tsinghua University, Beijing.

For more information and extended session descriptions, visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield> or call 406-243-2988.

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UM NEWS



September 11, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office of Public Safety and Police Department will host three sexual assault awareness seminars during autumn semester. The seminars, presented by Community Relations Officer Casey Gunter, are specifically designed for all women and will cover a range of topics from resources, first-step processes, perpetrator motivation and self-defense.

Sessions begin in October and run for four weeks. Gunter said the purpose of the seminars is to help women recognize unsafe situations and potential perpetrators and to empower them to trust their instincts and get to safety.

The seminars will cover:

- **Week 1:** Montana's criminal definitions for sexual assault and sexual intercourse without consent; first-step process and resources; Missoula City Police Detective Jamie Merifield will speak about investigations and victim control during investigations.
- **Week 2:** A film re-enactment of a real interview with a perpetrator, information on the effects of Rohypnol and GHB – “date rape” drugs – and the importance of being sensitive to the motives of others and trusting your instincts.
- **Week 3:** Real cases are reviewed to understand the mindset of perpetrators and sexual predators.
- **Week 4:** Basic self-defense instruction and a review of the previous sessions.

The seminars are open only to women and will be held 7-9:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 201. Session one runs each Tuesday, Oct. 2-23; session two runs each Thursday, Oct. 4-25; and session three runs each Wednesday, Oct. 24 to Nov. 14. The seminars are free, but participants are asked to pre-register by calling the Office of Public Safety at 406-243-6131.

For more information, call Gunter at 406-243-6131, or email casey.gunter@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



September 11, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana-based Montana Repertory Theatre will collaborate with the Missoula Art Museum to present “Missoula by Night,” an art exhibit focused on Missoula nightscapes, on Thursday, Nov. 15.

As a part of this event, the Rep will present a series of monologues with a “Missoula by Night” theme. The monologues will be performed at the Nov. 15 event.

Eight monologues will be chosen, and submissions now are being accepted. The monologues must meet the following requirements:

- Must be no less than one page and no more than two.
- Must be character driven.
- Must take place in Missoula at night.

Email submissions to Salina Chatlain, MRT program assistant, at salina.chatlain@umontana.edu by Oct. 15.

Now one of the oldest and most respected touring companies in the country, MRT was established as a professional touring company in 1967, providing professional theatre to Montana and neighboring western states at an affordable cost. MRT strives to tell the great stories of our world to enlighten, develop and celebrate the human spirit in an ever-expanding community.

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UM NEWS



September 11, 2012

MISSOULA —

To celebrate the commencement of a new school year, the School of Extended & Lifelong Learning at The University of Montana will host an open house on Thursday, Sept. 13, to showcase the wide variety of programs offered.

SELL represents many things to a lot of people, and therefore the target audience for the showcase is multifaceted. The school houses UMLearning, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (MOLLI) for students ages 50-plus, a state-of-the art conference center and conference planning team, Wintersession and summer semester courses, and UMLearning, a broad collection of credit and noncredit courses for people with varying interests and educational needs.

SELL will welcome guests from 4 to 6 p.m. on the main floor of UM's James E. Todd Building. Guests will have a chance to tour the conference and meeting facilities, learn about different SELL programs, enjoy hors d'oeuvres provided by University Catering Services and win exciting door prizes. Parking will be provided for showcase guests in lots adjacent to the Todd Building.

SELL has undergone substantial changes throughout the past few years, including hiring new Dean Roger Maclean; positioning itself as a more collaborative and outward-facing member of the community; and growing several new programs.

Each program area within SELL will feature something unique. Conference planners will be able to tour the facility and consider partnering with the Conference Planning Team to simplify future meetings. MOLLI will promote its fall courses, and registration and MOLLI membership applications will be available. There also will be information available regarding Wintersession and summer semester courses, as well as a sampling of extended courses, including Beekeeping, Experience Montana field courses and an upcoming Professional Development Program.

In addition, UMLearning will have their newly developed "Innovation Studio" open to the public. The studio is a high-tech resource for faculty that employs instructional and graphic designers to help make online courses much more visually appealing and effective. Also, the newly released Personal Empowerment Through Self Awareness course, required by all incoming students, will be available to view, and staff members will be on site to answer questions about the course.

"There is something of interest for just about everyone, including games, prizes, delicious appetizers and mocktails," said SELL Marketing Director Beth Burman Frazee. "The event should prove to be both informational and fun, and we hope to welcome many members of both the campus and wider Missoula community."

For more information or to RSVP, visit <http://umt.edu/ce/showcase>.

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UM NEWS



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September 11, 2012

MISSOULA –

In the aftermath of the death of Kim Jong-Il, policymakers debate how his son Kim Jong-un will fare as the new leader of North Korea and how U.S.-Korea relations will be affected. Join visiting dignitaries at The University of Montana as they discuss “U.S.-Korea Relations in a Time of Political Transition” at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room.

Ambassador Hwang Joon-Kook, deputy chief of mission of the Republic of Korea’s embassy to the U.S., will discuss priorities and challenges for US-ROK relations following presidential elections held in each country later this year.

Abraham Kim, interim president and vice president of the Korea Economic Institute of America, will discuss the Korean economy beyond the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

L. Gordon Flake, executive director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, will address new leadership in North Korea as a continued crisis or potential opportunity.

Dan Smith, interim director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, will moderate the discussion.

The program is free and open to the public. Event co-sponsors are the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, the Mansfield Foundation and the Korea Economic Institute of America.

“This event at UM is just one component of the Mansfield Center’s programming to promote increased understanding between the United States and Asia and to specifically expand our community’s understanding of issues on the Korean Peninsula,” Mansfield Center Associate Director Deena Mansour said.

The relationship between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea is constantly growing. Just this year, a U.S.-Republic of Korea bilateral free-trade agreement took effect and President Barack Obama made his third presidential visit to Korea. A missile launch by North Korea and the possibility of another nuclear test has underscored the precarious nature of the security situation on the Korean peninsula and the continuing importance of the U.S.-Republic of Korea alliance to preserve peace in Northeast Asia.

The Republic of Korea plays an increasingly important regional and global role. In March, it hosted the Nuclear Security Summit attended by more than 50 world leaders. Korea also will host the Winter Olympic Games in 2018.

For more information, visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield> or call 406-243-2988.

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UM NEWS



September 10, 2012

MISSOULA –

Students and employees can learn about The University of Montana’s new emergency notification system and sign up to receive emergency text messages at this year’s Tech Fair, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the University Center Atrium.

The Office of Public Safety will be one of 25 exhibitors at the fair, designed to showcase campus technologies and support services available to students, faculty and staff. In addition to campus departments, representatives from Adobe, Apple, Dell and Microsoft will be on hand to answer questions.

Tech Fair participants will have a chance to win prizes, including an iPad, iPod Touch, Xbox and Xbox Kinect, a Google Nexus Tablet, a Kindle Fire, a Bamboo Touch, software packages and more.

Participants have to visit just one table to be entered for prize drawings, but visiting more exhibitors increases the odds of winning. Instant prizes also will be given out randomly during the day.

For more information about the UM Tech Fair, visit <http://www.umt.edu/techfair>.

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MISSOULA –

The summer 2012 issue of the Crown of the Continent e-magazine has been released and can be found online at <http://issuu.com/crown-continent/docs/crown-summer-2012>.

Articles discuss Mel Ruder's Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the June 1964 floods and the Scapegoat Wilderness celebrating 40 years. The issue also includes an excerpt and images from "Julius Seyler and the Blackfeet: An Impressionist at Glacier Park" by Bill Farr, as well as stunning western photography and a record of regional weather extremes.

The region called the Crown of the Continent encompasses Glacier National Park and spans the Continental Divide from the Elk River headwaters and Crowsnest Pass in Canada to Rogers Pass and the Blackfoot River drainage in Montana.

The University of Montana launched the Crown of the Continent Initiative to provide an educational catalyst for collaboration between UM and Glacier National Park. The initiative continues to grow and now includes many groups, organizations, agencies and institutions beyond the park in Montana, Alberta and British Columbia.

The initiative publishes three color-filled e-magazines each year, providing up-to-date information about issues driving decisions and research in the Crown. The magazines cover everything from the physical and historical geography of the Crown to interesting scientific research on the region's wildlife, climate, rivers, glaciers and more.

To receive other Crown of the Continent Initiative updates, email umcrown@umontana.edu. The Crown of the Continent website is at <http://crown.umt.edu>. Current and past issues of the e-magazine are available in PDF format on the website under "publications."

For more information, email Rick Graetz or Jerry Fetz, initiative co-directors, at umcrown@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Registration is now open for continuing education courses at Bitterroot College of The University of Montana, including classes in basic electronics, business practices and computer skills.

Continuing education courses at Bitterroot College UM run on varying schedules from Oct. 1 through Nov. 19 and are open to the public. Subjects are designed to help students refresh skills or gain new knowledge to help them advance or compete in the job market.

Course offerings this year include:

- A four-week class in basic electronics
- A CompTIA A+ computer technician certification course
- A seminar on building high-performance organizations
- College success strategies, computer basics and math and writing refreshers for veterans

The college is piloting two entry-level job skills courses this fall, offering a basic electronics course and a CompTIA A+ computer technician certification course. These courses will position students to be competitive for entry-level nstallation, maintenance and technician jobs in construction, communications, energy and information technology.

The courses for veterans are run through the Montana Veterans' Upward Bound program, which offers free classes to eligible veterans. The courses are designed to help veterans gain or refresh essential skills so they can successfully compete for jobs, start college or improve their lives.

Many continuing education classes at BC take only one day and fees range from \$15 to \$375, with discount pricing available for many courses.

For more information, to view a full list of course offerings or to register for classes, visit <http://www.umt.edu/bcp/1degcourse/conted/schedule.php>.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Farm to College program will host the third annual Fall Festival: Celebrating Montana's Food Cycle from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, on the Oval. The annual harvest feast provides students, faculty and staff a holistic view of Montana's agricultural food cycle.

The event is the culmination of a year of planning and cooperation with more than 25 food-producing partners. Nearly all of the items on the menu will be provided by local farmers, ranchers and food producers, who began preparations to grow and raise the food for the feast in April.

"The goal of this meal is to celebrate the success of the UM Farm to College program and to raise public and student awareness about the time and effort required to produce the food we eat each day," said Mark LoParco, director of University Dining Services.

All pre- and post-consumer waste generated by the Fall Festival including food, plates and napkins will be pulped and processed into soil-enhancing planting material within 48 hours. The soil-ready material will provide a starting point for the next growing season and sustainably complete the food cycle.

In keeping with the "buy local" theme of the event, entertainment will be provided by Missoula-area country band Cash For Junkers.

The UM Farm to College Program has been a national pioneer in advocating the sustainable benefits of buying and eating local foods. The program will celebrate its 10th anniversary in the spring.

For more information and dinner pricing, visit <http://life.umt.edu/dining/>.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana had eight Fulbright Program applicants accepted into the international scholarly exchange program last year, and though many universities can boast more yearly Fulbright Scholars, few can boast UM's 53 percent acceptance rate.

To put that number into perspective, the top three Fulbright-producing doctoral and research institutions in the country last year – the University of Michigan, Northwestern University and Yale University, respectively – each had more than 20 applicants accepted into the program, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. However, based on the number of total applicants from each of those universities, their average acceptance rate was only 22 percent.

UM consistently has a high percentage of applicants accepted into the prestigious Fulbright Program each year, despite a smaller overall pool of proposals. The program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, funds students, scholars, teachers and professionals in international programs to conduct research or teach English for one year.

In the 2011-12 academic year, 15 applications to the Fulbright Program were submitted through UM, and eight of those applicants were ultimately offered positions in the program, though one declined to pursue a doctorate.

Liz Ametsbichler, co-chair of UM's Department of Modern and Classical Languages and campus Fulbright adviser, knows the University's success at having applicants accepted into the program is no fluke.

"I think it speaks to the caliber of UM's students and the caliber of the mentorship they receive here," said Ametsbichler.

Students, faculty and researchers from UM compete with scholars around the nation for prized positions working in countries such as Germany, Sweden, Nicaragua, Vietnam, Spain, Mexico and Georgia. Applicants all have attained at least a bachelor's degree and usually must speak a second language to function in their country of choice.

Despite the requirements and steep competition, the Fulbright Program appeals to scientists, writers, journalists, aspiring teachers and professionals alike.

Ametsbichler reaches out to faculty in the spring, looking for professors to contact gifted students and encourage them to apply to the program. Putting together an application is tough work, but she helps UM applicants get an early start.

"I encourage them to start thinking about it in the spring, so they can start working on their proposals in the summer," she said.

Applications are due for review by the UM Fulbright Scholarship Committee in September. The committee – composed of UM faculty in the humanities, social sciences, business school, sciences, and English and creative writing – interviews applicants and reviews their projects, ultimately passing their proposals on to the national program in October. Once the Fulbright Program experts have reviewed hundreds of national applications, they recommend candidates to the countries identified in the proposal. Finally, those countries make the final choice whether to offer an applicant a Fulbright position.

Shane McMillan, a 2010 UM graduate with bachelor's degrees in journalism and German languages and literature and a minor in international development studies, remembers how Ametsbichler caught him after a German class early in his first semester and firmly planted Fulbright in his future plans.

"Before that day in her classroom, I had never given Fulbright a thought and wouldn't have if she hadn't pointed me in that direction," McMillan said. "Like so many fresh college students, I didn't know how much I didn't know."

McMillan, a native of Ronan, eventually received a Fulbright scholarship in Germany designed specifically for journalists. During the year, he was able to produce a documentary that looks at the future of Germany through the eyes of kindergarteners from Berlin's most famous migrant neighborhood. He also completed an internship with the Associated Press, shooting photos in the German equivalent of the White House and covering other stories in the capital.

McMillan feels the advising he received from his professors and the UM Fulbright Scholarship Committee helped him gain confidence and prepare himself for moving forward in the process. The experience helped him gain a new view of the world and explore complex topics through his research.

"It was not the easiest year of my life. My experiences were not perfect and I wasn't always happy with everything," McMillan said. "But I was learning and was making headway toward my professional and life goals."

Following his Fulbright year, McMillan stayed in Berlin and is now a resident of Germany. He continues to work as a freelance journalist and has helped to develop a free online school for people in the developing world called Allversity.org.

The application process for 2013-14 is in full swing with the upcoming campus deadline of Sept. 24.

"I look forward to interviewing candidates with the Fulbright Scholarship Committee," Ametsbichler said. "They include some of the best and brightest students that UM has to offer. It is always a rewarding learning experience for the committee."

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MISSOULA —

The University Center Gallery at The University of Montana is issuing its annual art call for the 2013-14 exhibition calendar. The artwork displayed in the UCG comes from local, regional and national artists. Applications are available online at <http://umt.edu/uc/ucg> and must be submitted by 4 p.m. March 25, 2013.

The UCG is a nonprofit student-run space that offers contemporary art exhibitions throughout the academic year. UCG exhibitions are carefully selected based on criteria focusing on diversity in origin, media, content and style.

The application can be downloaded online, or picked up then turned in at the UCG, located in UC Room 227. An application fee is required. The fees collected support the UC's art initiatives and help provide student-focused programming and space centered around the arts. UM students, faculty and staff may apply at a discounted rate.

For more information call Gwen Landquist, UC marketing and art manager, at 406-243-5555, or email gwen.landquist@mso.umt.edu; call Kristina Myer and Sabrina Charlson, UC Gallery student coordinators, at 406-243-5564 or email ucartgallery@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



September 04, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Law has been ranked the seventh “Best Value Law School” in the nation by National Jurist magazine. The ranking was announced in the September issue of the magazine, which is read by law students across the country.

The ranking takes into account the cost, debt load, bar passage and employment of graduates in actual law jobs. The UM School of Law emphasizes a skill-based curriculum, and the success is evident as UM alumni enter the workforce.

“University of Montana Law has long been a national leader in legal education, incorporating practical-based learning in an innovative curriculum,” UM School of Law Dean Irma Russell said. “This latest national ranking confirms that our graduates are not only receiving a great education, but they are being hired in a competitive job market that increasingly demands law graduates with skills training. That is something that makes our school unique, and it is gratifying to be recognized for it.”

That recognition takes into account 89 percent bar passage for UM law students in 2011, 82 percent employment after graduation – 78 percent of that in legal jobs – and 2012-13 yearly tuition and fees of \$11,100 for resident students and \$27,770 for nonresidents.

The program has consistently offered students a top-tier law degree for a reasonable price. PreLaw Magazine – a sister publication of National Jurist aimed at undergraduate, pre-law students – ranked the UM School of Law as the program with the third-lowest increase in tuition between 2000 and 2010 in its spring 2012 issue. The new “Best Value” ranking also will be published in a PreLaw Magazine feature in mid-October.

“The University of Montana School of Law makes us proud,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “We have known all along that the law school provides an outstanding education. We are delighted to have this external confirmation by the National Jurist.”

For more information call UM School of Law Director of Development and Alumni Relations John Mudd at 406-243-4319 or email john.mudd@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The Mathematical Association of America recently selected University of Montana Professor Mark Kayll as one of two winners of the 2012 Carl B. Allendoerfer Award.

The Carl B. Allendoerfer Awards are given for articles of expository excellence published in *Mathematics Magazine* and are named after Allendoerfer, a distinguished mathematician at the University of Washington and former president of the Mathematical Association of America.

Kayll earned the award for his article "Integrals Don't Have Anything to Do With Discrete Math, Do They?"

"The college is thrilled for Mark," said Chris Comer, dean of UM's College of Arts and Sciences. "He joins a distinguished list of well-respected professionals in the field of mathematics, including former plenary speakers at some of our own UM conferences."

At the Aug. 3 award ceremony in Madison, Wisc., the MathFest 2012 prizes and awards booklet lauded his work.

"Kayll's well-written article provides us with engaging examples in which discrete and continuous mathematics come together," the booklet read. "It reminds us that elements such as the gamma function are interesting in their own right, and it elegantly illustrates some of the ways in which continuous mathematics can be used to study discrete concepts."

Kayll grew up in North Vancouver, British Columbia. After earning his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Simon Fraser University and his doctorate in mathematics from Rutgers University, he joined the faculty at UM. Along with UM College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Jenny McNulty, he was a co-organizer for the Big Sky Conference on Discrete Mathematics for ten years. This academic year, Kayll will serve as the local liaison for a visit by National Public Radio Math Guy Keith Devlin, who is slated to speak in UM's President's Lecture Series on April 8.

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MISSOULA –

AmeriCorps VISTA members in Missoula will collect toiletries and coffee at local grocery stores to stock emergency shelters, veterans' organizations and food pantries as part of The Great Roll Out 9/11 service project.

Shoppers are encouraged to donate nonperishable food items and shampoo, body wash and deodorant for the Valor House, as well as coffee for the local veterans' clinic. The veterans at the Valor House also have a need for household items such as cooking and baking supplies, kitchen utensils, coffee makers, pillows and food containers.

"It really is one of the things we can do to help veterans to get on the right foot," said Tessa Johnson, Valor House program director. "Most come in with very few possessions, and helping them to start up a household is essential to what we do here."

Donation bins will be available through Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Albertsons locations on East Broadway Avenue and Reserve Street, The Good Food Store, Rosauers and Orange Street Food Farm. VISTA members will be present with an information booth at Rosauers and the East Broadway Albertsons on Sept. 11.

"Every day AmeriCorps members are making a big difference in the cities they serve," said Brian Christianson, Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA program manager. "The Great Roll Out is an easy way for community members to make a big impact by meeting critical needs."

MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA members in other Montana communities also are hosting Great Roll Out drives. To find out the locations of donation bins, email:

- **Bozeman:** Hannah Jensen, hjensen@hrdc9.org
- **Butte:** Emily White, EWhite@mtech.edu
- **Great Falls:** Liz Higgins, vista@msufg.edu
- **Havre:** Melody Alsever, melody@opportunitylinkmt.org
- **Helena:** Gladys Walter, GWalter@helena.k12.mt.us
- **Kalispell:** Kimbra Buerschaper, kbuerschaper@fvcc.edu

The Great Roll Out was created in response to the congressional designation of Sept. 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance in 2009. Many organizations across the country participate, making Sept. 11 one of the largest days of charitable service nationwide.

Montana Campus Compact is located at The University of Montana and manages AmeriCorps and service-learning programs at colleges and communities across the state. The MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA program connects campus resources with critical community needs. Members serve in community-based organizations, nonprofits and schools in partnership with 20 Montana campuses to address local poverty issues including education, veterans' services and housing.

For more information email Missoula Great Roll Out coordinator Ashley Makowski at amakowski@mtjustice.org, or call MTCC VISTA Leader Amanda Opitz at 406-243-5451 or email vistaleader@mtcompact.org.

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September 04, 2012

MISSOULA –

Thunder Road, an eight-piece Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band tribute act, will play a pre-Homecoming Week kickoff concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the George and Jane Dennison Theatre at The University of Montana.

The band's lead guitarist, John Farmer, is a 1977 graduate of the UM School of Law and is a prominent attorney in San Diego. The concert brings him back to Missoula for the School of Law's Alumni and Reunion Weekend.

"Bruce released 'Born to Run' back when I was in law school and it shot to the top of the charts," Farmer said. "So coming back to Missoula to play that music, including in front of some of my old classmates, is a real thrill."

Tickets cost \$20 and are available at all GrizTix locations, online at <http://www.griztix.com> or by calling 406-243-4051.

This is the first Montana show for Thunder Road, which also features New Jersey-born Josh Tanner as "The Boss." Tanner has performed as Springsteen throughout the country and overseas.

For more information call George and Jane Dennison Theatre Director Tom Webster at 406-243-2853 or School of Law Director of Development and Alumni Relations John Mudd at 406-243-4319.

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MISSOULA –

The Montana Logging and Ballet Company will perform a benefit concert as their final Missoula public performance at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the George and Jane Dennison (formerly University) Theatre at The University of Montana.

The group will perform their iconic comedy, original music and political satire to benefit Family Promise of Missoula, a nonprofit interfaith network of Missoula congregations serving homeless families with children. Nonperishable food items also will be collected at the show for the Missoula Food Bank.

The concert is the final performance of the troupe’s farewell tour, capping the satirical singing quartet’s long career. Two other performances were held in Billings and Helena earlier this year.

Tickets cost \$30 for general admission, \$40 for reserved seating and \$90 for reserved stage-front seating and are available through GrizTix and its Missoula outlets.

The quartet, which has been together for 38 years, achieved international fame for making people laugh and think about peace and social justice. The group is famous for its political satire on current events, which they deliver in sketches, songs, body humor and lyrical a cappella singing.

For several years, the group appeared monthly on all National Public Radio stations as the resident political satirists on “Sunday Weekend Edition.”

The four members of the Montana Logging and Ballet Company include Bob FitzGerald, Tim Holmes, Steve Garnass-Holmes and Rusty Harper. FitzGerald serves as the group’s manager, Harper is the idea man, Holmes is an internationally acclaimed sculptor and filmmaker, and his brother Garnass-Holmes is a United Methodist pastor, poet and writer. They say this is their final tour.

“This time we really mean it,” said FitzGerald, the founder of the group. “When professional quarterbacks can’t get out of bed in the morning anymore, they know it’s time to retire. That goes double for musicians.”

To purchase tickets online, go to <http://www.umt.edu/griztix>. For more information, call Barbara Blanchard, Family Promise coordinator, at 406-529-4488.

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UM NEWS



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September 04, 2012

MISSOULA –

The annual Missoula Business Drive fundraising campaign launches Thursday, Sept. 6. Local business leaders, in collaboration with The University of Montana Foundation, use the drive to strengthen ties between the Missoula business community and to encourage businesses to provide financial support for the UM Excellence Fund.

More than 30 years ago, the drive began when Missoula business leaders recognized an opportunity to promote local development through a relationship with the city's largest economic contributor, the University. Each fall, volunteers who make up the UM Excellence Fund Advisory Council contact associates in the Missoula business community with the goal of raising more than \$140,000. These gifts support UM priorities through the Excellence Fund.

Walt Muralt, president and owner of Muralt's Travel Plaza and a 1989 UM graduate, said Missoula's business community and UM are linked. "The healthier and stronger the University is, the stronger the businesses in the community are and vice versa," he said. "Muralt's Travel Plaza contributes to the Missoula Business Drive each year."

Lauren Clark, director of annual giving – external programs at the UM Foundation, coordinates the drive with a volunteer committee.

"UM is very lucky to be surrounded by such a supportive community," Clark said. "The generosity of local businesses, like Muralt's, provides funding that allows the University to grow and thrive. The business drive exemplifies the close-knit and critical relationship between Missoula and UM."

The economic impact of UM on Missoula tops \$250 million annually. "This makes participation in the UM Foundation Missoula Business Drive a solid investment in the future," Clark said.

For more information on the Missoula Business Drive or for information on how to get involved, call Clark at 406-243-2456 or email lauren.clark@mso.umt.edu.

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